

## **ACES NOTIFICATION #90**

**ATTENTION: ACES HEALTH AND MEMBERSHIP FILE TRANSFER EMPLOYERS**  
**SUBJECT: Health Benefit System Changes for 2008 Health Benefits Program**  
**EFFECTIVE: Wednesday, August 29, 2007**

With the expansion of benefit design and choices for lower-cost HMO and PPO products in some parts of the state, a number of program and system changes will be needed. While the majority of issues are known and have been publicized, we will provide additional updates through ACES as new situations develop.

CalPERS recently mailed a Circular Letter to all employers regarding Health Benefits Program Information and the 2007 Open Enrollment Period.

This notification is to further inform you of specific 2008 Basic Health Plan Benefit changes to ensure you modify your existing system to incorporate these changes.

### **Effective January 1, 2008**

- **WESTERN HEALTH ADVANTAGE PLANS TERMINATE**

Effective 9/1/2007 only changes to existing Western Health Advantage enrollees will be permitted. No **new** enrollments will be accepted.

- **NEW BLUE SHIELD HMO PLANS AND SELF FUNDED PPO PLANS**

#### **Blue Shield Net Value**

<u>Basic Plan Code</u>	<u>Supplemental Plan Code</u>	<u>Region</u>
042	055	State and CSU only
060	069	Bay Area/Sacramento Region
062	063	Los Angeles Region
064	065	Other Southern Region

**NOTE: There is no Blue Shield Net Value Other Northern Plan**

#### **PERS Select**

<u>Basic Plan Code</u>	<u>Supplemental Plan Code</u>	<u>Region</u>
045	046	State and CSU only
072	073	Bay Area/Sacramento Region
053	054	Other Northern Region
080	081	Los Angeles Region
082	083	Other Southern Region

**NOTE: PERS Select does not offer an Out of State region**

Please view the Circular Letter posted on the CalPERS Web site: [www.calpers.ca.gov](http://www.calpers.ca.gov)

To view the Circular Letter, follow this path starting from the Employer view:

- Circular Letter
- Circular Letters: 2007
- 600-033-07
- 600-034-07

If you have any questions regarding this notification, please call the Employer Contact Center at **888 CalPERS** (or 888-225-7377). Thank you.